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**Re: Chemical Recovery Systems – Elyria
Response to June 26, 2001 Letter**

Dear Ms. Sheppard-Johnson:

Further to the letter addressed to the undersigned from Ms. Wendy Carney, dated June 26, 2001, Ferriot Inc. is more than willing (indeed eager) to participate in settlement negotiations with the U.S. EPA for the purpose of resolving whatever liability it may have at the above-captioned site. However, inasmuch as Ferriot's role at the site, if any, appears to be one of a *de micromis* generator, it would seem to make little practical sense to enter into direct negotiations at this time. Ferriot is planning to participate in ongoing PRP efforts to assemble a group for the purpose of submitting a formal proposal to the EPA and it hopes that such efforts are successful and well received by the Agency. If, at any time, a *de micromis* buyout becomes available, the company looks forward to entering into direct negotiations with the Agency. We trust that the foregoing constitutes a timely and sufficient response. If you have any questions or if we can be of further service with respect to this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raymond T. Murphy'.

Raymond T. Murphy

